

Meeting Summary
Long Island Sound Study Citizens Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 12, 2002
Stamford Government Center
Stamford, Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Connecticut co-chair John Atkin. After self-introductions of attendees, (see Attachment 1) CAC Secretary Caroline DuBois called the roll; it was determined that 21 members were present, constituting a quorum. Atkin then proceeded to the following agenda items:

New Business

Membership – New Members. John Atkin reported that three applications for new members had been received since the last meeting: Carl Harvey of The Sound School; Donald Frost of the Connecticut Maritime Coalition; and Ed Kilgus of the Empire State Marine Trades Association. Atkin indicated that the membership committee recommended these applicants to the membership for approval. Several members asked for more detail about the applicants, and the application letters were passed around for review by the membership. It was suggested that in the future that more information be provided about the applicants, and the membership agreed that the application letters would be included in future meeting packets for review prior to the meetings. Atkin then called for a vote on the new members, who were approved by voice vote of the members present. [NB: New members were sent a letter confirming their membership and a new member orientation packet.]

2003 Officer nominations – Mickey Weiss, co-chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that three nominations had been received for the 2003 officers' slate: John Atkin for Connecticut co-chair; Nancy Seligson for New York co-chair; and Caroline DuBois for secretary. Weiss requested nominations from the floor; as none were received, nominations were closed. Ballots for the election of officers for 2003-2006 term will be mailed out to the membership 45 days prior to the December meeting. Members who are unable to attend that meeting should return the ballots to the Nominating Committee according to instructions on the ballot.

Tracking & Monitoring – Chair David Miller reported that the Connecticut DEP and the EPA Regional Administrators had sent letters in response to the CAC's June 12 letter on 200/2003 priorities. The New York DEC still needs to reply to the letter, and Miller asked Rick D'Amico, NYSDEC representative present, if he knew the status of the DEC's response. D'Amico replied that he did not know at this time, but would check on the status and get back to Miller.

Other Reports/Recommendations – Mark Tedesco reported that the announcement for the new Long Island Sound Research Fellows had been released, and that the selection committees will meet to select the candidates, one each in New York and Connecticut. When asked the status of the new Science and Technical Advisory Committee, (STAC), Tedesco indicated that the STAC was not yet in place, but that the co-chairs had met via conference call. David Miller urged the STAC to meet with the CAC's living marine resource subcommittee. Tedesco expressed the need for the STAC to meet first as a group and Miller advised the CAC to send a note to the STAC co-chairs to discuss common themes for a LMR agenda. David Miller made a motion to authorize the co-chairs to send a letter to the STAC co-chairs regarding an upcoming meeting. The motion was seconded and carried. (See Attachment 2)

Communications Subcommittee – Carol DiPaolo announced that the subcommittee had worked with a contact at the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) to develop an insert into the periodic LIRR “seat drop” information brochure on national beach cleanup day (See Attachment 3). The subcommittee is now working with the LIRR to put up LISS posters in stations. DiPaolo reported that the Friends of the Bay had sent out postcards to all boaters who had received bilge socks urging them to dispose of the socks at oil receiving facilities. Also, the Town of Huntington had purchased 500 of the socks and handed them out to boaters.

Land Use/Watersheds – Nancy Seligson reported that the final draft Long Island Sound Stewardship System proposal will be presented at the October 31 management committee meeting for discussion of possible release for public comment. Once the management committee approves its release, the proposal will be presented to the CAC at the December 12 meeting in New York City. Pat Augustine indicated that there is resistance by commercial fishermen on a “reserve” versus a “stewardship” system.

Sediment/Dredge Management – Allen Berrien reported that CTDEP is proceeding with a dredged material management plan for the Sound, but he didn't know what New York is doing. Berrien questioned whether this is a bi-state effort. Ann Rodney indicated that EPA and the Army Corps need to talk to the states and get back to the CAC on this issue. EPA, New York, Connecticut, and Army Corps representatives will be invited to the December CAC meeting to discuss the issue, and to present points/counterpoints. The membership agreed to place this issue on the December agenda.

UPDATES FROM THE FLOOR

Carol DiPaolo reported that the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor is co-sponsoring a conference on the Phase II storm water program. The cosponsors are the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor, the Long Island Sound Study, the EPA Long Island Sound

Office, and the New York State Sea Grant Program. The conference will be held on September 25, 2002 at Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park, site of the 2002 US Open. The registration fee is \$35.

Kimberly Zimmer announced that the LISS small grants proposals are due by September 20, 2002; the review team will meet on October 8 to select the proposals to recommend to the management committee at its next meeting.

Mark Tedesco reported that the LIS communications coordinator position had been announced and that it would remain open for 30 days.

Nancy Seligson reported that Westchester County had agreed to purchase David's Island, a 78 acre parcel off the coast of New Rochelle, for \$5.5 million. While the Governor signed legislation allowing it to be purchase by the County, funding for the purchase still needs to be approved by the County legislature.

Mickey Weiss announced that a Connecticut License Plate grant had been awarded to Project Oceanology to establish a center for volunteer water quality monitoring. The Center will loan equipment, provide technical assistance and training on monitoring methods and QAPP development.

Louise Harrison reported that Oyster Bay released the final draft Harbor Management Plan that includes speed limits in the harbor.

John Atkin reported that Restore Americas Estuaries will hold its annual conference on April 13-16, 2003 in Baltimore, Maryland.

HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM

John Atkin introduced Fran Dunwell, director of the New York State Hudson River Estuary Program (HREP), who provided an overview of the HREP program's accomplishments and challenges. (See Attachment 3) Dunwell answered a number of questions from the floor, and Atkin thanked her for her presentation. For an electronic copy of the presentation, please contact Fran Dunwell at 845 256-3016 or hrep@gw.state.ny.us.

DECEMBER CAC AGENDA TOPICS

John Atkin reviewed agenda topics for the Thursday, December 12, 2002 agenda, which included an invitation to EPA Regional Administrator Jane Kenny to attend:

- 1) 2003 Officer Elections/New Member Applications
- 2) Update on the Long Island Sound Stewardship System
- 3) DMMP Discussion (EPA/ACOE/CTDEP/NYSDEC)
- 4) 2003 LISS Budget/Work Plan
- 5) Open Discussion with STAC Co-Chairs
- 6) Subcommittee Reports

There being no further business brought before the CAC, Atkin adjourned the meeting at 12:30PM, advising the members to coordinate subcommittee meetings following the lunch break.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. September 12, 2002 CAC meeting attendance list
2. CAC September 12, 2002 letter to the STAC
3. LIRR Pamphlet, *Keeping Track*, August 2002
4. HREP PowerPoint presentation slides
5. Subcommittee reports